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1. On 17 August 1950, a grenade was thrown at a Police radio car at the intersection of Victoria and Bugis Streets in Singapore. The grenade struck the rear of the car and bounced off, exploding in the street and injuring 12 persons, one of whom died later. Two constables in the car were injured slightly.

2. The grenade thrower is believed to have been a young Chinese who escaped in the confusion following the explosion. There is no specific evidence to prove that the incident was the work of the Malayan Communist Party (MCP) Shock Troops. The grenade was a Number 36 hand grenade which obviously was in better condition than most of those now available to the MCP.

3. The MCP recently has distributed a sizeable amount of propaganda directed to rubber workers and students with some apparent success.

4. The Assistant Editor of the new English-language newspaper, The Singapore Standard, published by AW Boon Haw, has received a threatening letter from the MCP which bears the seal of the Singapore Office of the Malayan National Liberation Army.* The letter, composed of words cut from English-language newspapers, stated: "If you continue to write against the people, you will be regarded as an enemy of the people."

5. The MCP is observing the present strike at Rediffusion Limited, and has included this subject on the agenda of cell meetings. The MCP claims no responsibility for this strike, but it now seeks to use it by asking members of the Anti-British League and sympathizers to persuade Rediffusion subscribers to boycott the firm. The MCP obviously will attempt to prolong this strike as long as it proves of value to the MCP program.

6. Labor unrest at the Industrial Trading Company, Kampong Supoo, has been the subject of Labor Department mediation. On 15 August 1950, the foreman of this factory received a threatening letter bearing the seal of the Singapore Office of the MNLA which stated that the management should agree unconditionally

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to worker demands which include wage increases and reduced working hours. The letter stated that negotiations were futile, since the management should adopt the wage scale prepared by the MRLA for 100 percent wage increases which is more than the workers have asked. The letter stated that if these demands were not met, action will be taken against the factory.

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